

Merioneth County Show — AUGUST 2008

The County Show is an important event in Merioneth and follows a similar format to the National Eisteddfod in that it is held in different locations each year. This year it was held in Bala and once again we in Mantell Gwynedd had a marquee on the field to promote the third sector. The first year that we experimented with this format was in Tywyn in 2007. It proved to be a huge success and this year we decided to build on that success by inviting organisations to join us once again in our marquee. A positive response was once again had with organisations expressing a wish to be part of the Mantell Gwynedd stand and it is a pleasure to welcome them because we look upon it as a positive step of networking and promoting the valuable contribution made by the third sector.



We had the company of other organisations – the Stroke Association were on hand to take blood pressure readings of the people visiting. There was representation from the M/S society, Alzheimer's Association, Gwynedd Council, Telecare, South Gwynedd Women's Aid, Sova CYMRU, South Gwynedd Long Term Health and Chronic Condition Alliance, Fair-trade, Urdd Gobaith Cymru/ Glanllyn, Community Health Council.

There was an array of free fruit on offer to all who visited the marquee—all kindly donated by the Bala Somerfield's shop. Our thanks also go out to the following local businesses for their kind donations towards the raffle :- Awen Meirion, Rowlands Pharmacist Bala, The Eagles Llanuwchllyn.

The launch of the South Gwynedd Long Term Condition Alliance Directory of Services at the Show!



The Directory of Services produced by the Alliance was launched by Elfyn Llwyd (MP) at the show this year. The Directory includes contact details and information on support services for individuals living with Long Term & Chronic Health Conditions in South Gwynedd.

If you would like an electronic copy or information on the work of the Alliance you are welcome to contact Sioned at Mantell Gwynedd or the Alliance's Secretary Richard Paramor at r.paramor@btopenworld.com

The event provided a good opportunity for Mantell Gwynedd to meet people from Merioneth, and further afield, provide them with information and promote the services that's available.

One visitor to the stand during the day was Mr. Nick Bourne—the leader of the Conservatives in the Welsh Assembly Government.

Mantell Gwynedd always welcomes the participation of voluntary organisations—it is a good opportunity to network, and to promote the contribution made by the Third Sector.



Looking towards August 2009 when the National Eisteddfod will be held in Bala, Mantell Gwynedd warmly invites you to join their information stand at this event. Please contact Mantell Gwynedd as soon as possible if you are interested in sharing a stall!